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SOURCE: NIELSEN MEDIA RESEARCH

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE: TOP CABLE SHOWS

Program	Network	Tim	e (ET)	HHs. (000)	Rat Cable	
1. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Wed	5:30p	3,608	5.6	3.8
2. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Wed	5:00p	3,336	5.2	3.5
3. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Mon	5:30p	3,274	5.1	3.4
4. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Tue	5:00p	3,263	5.0	3.4
5. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Tue	5:30p	3,220	5.0	3.4
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8. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Mon	5:00p	2,933	4.5	3.1
9. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Wed	2:00p	2,815	4.4	3.0
10. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Tue	7:00p	2,791	4.3	2.9
11. News Update	CNN	Wed	6:00p	2,766	4.3	2.9
12. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Tue	6:30p	2,735	4.2	2.9
13. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Wed	6:17p	2,683	4.1	2.8
14. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Mon	3:00p	2,675	4.1	2.8
15. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Mon	2:00p	2,627	4.1	2.8
1. Movie: 'Naked Gun 33 1/3'	HBO	Sat	8:00p	3,041	13.5	3.2
2. Movie: 'The Fugitive'	HBO	Sun	3:00p	2,593	11.5	2.7
3. Movie: 'On Deadly Ground'	HBO	Sat	9:45p	2,358	\$0.5	2.5
4. Movie: 'Bad Girls'	HBO	Tue	g00:8	2,284	10.1	2.4
5. Movie: 'Ace Ventura Pet Detective'	HBO	Sun	8:00p	2.275	<b>\$0.1</b>	2.4

# Seeing (or hearing) is believing!



mall will find itself up against Product Information Network, an existing infomercial-based network owned by multiple system cable operators Cox Cable Communications and Jones Intercable and delivered to more than 2.5 million households nationally. Also scheduled to debut this year is Consumer Resource Network, a New York-based infomercial network.

The Infomall Cable Network will complement Paxson's existing network of infomercial programing delivered over broadcast stations. His broadcast infomercial network airs over 10 UHF stations located on the fringes of major markets and either owned or operated by Paxson Communications. Signed agreements with eight more affiliates will bring the broadcast network's total reach to more than 20 million U.S. homes by year's end, according to Paxson.

The Infomall Cable Network will guarantee cable system operators a minimum of \$4 per year per residential subscriber. The network also will give participating cable operators 65% of the gross revenue based on merchandise sold in their markets.

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE:

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2. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Wed 5:30p	3,567	5.5	3.7
3. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Thu 6:00p	3,325	5.1	3.5
4. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Thu 5:00p	3,236	5.0	3.4
5. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Tue 6:00p	2,976	4.6	3.1
6. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Fri 2:00p	2,916	4.5	3.1
7. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Tue 5:30p	2,882	4.5	3.0
8. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Wed 5:00p	2,843	4.4	3.0
9. 'Joseph,' Pt. 1	TNT	Sun 8:00p	2,799	4.4	2.9
10. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Fri 1:00p	2,759	4.3	2.9
11. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Thu 3:00p	2,740	4.2	2.9
12. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Tue 6:27p	2,732	4.2	2.9
13. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Tue 7:00p	2,727	4.2	2.9
14. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Fri 3:00p	2,695	4.2	2.8
15. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Tue 5:00p	2,666	4.1	2.8
1. Movie: 'The Chase'	HBO	Sat 8:00p	2,893	12.8	3.0
2. Movie: 'Naked Gun 33 1/3'	HBO	Fri 10:30p	2,333	10.3	2.4
3. Movie: 'Naked Gun 33 1/3'	HBO	Tue 8:00p	2,280	10.1	23
4. Movie: 'Demolition Man'	HBO	Wed 8:00p	2,026	9.0	2.1
5. Movie: 'The Beverly Hillbillies'	HBO	Sun 8:00p	1,974	8.8	2.1





## The RIAS Berlin Commission & the Radio and Television News Directors Foundation

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## PEOPLE'S CHOICE WEEK 30 According to Nielsen ratings, April 10-1

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opportunities, but I have found myself increasingly interested in international co-production and feature film opportunities that NBC is not in," says Leavitt, explaining his decision to leave. "Alliance is on the vangard of structuring deals."

Leavitt, who was responsible on the network end for the successful launches of NBCP shows Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and Saved by the Bell, said that areas of immediate interest include examining possibilities for Alliance production for U.S. first-run syndication and for U.S. cable networks such as the Family Channel.

The company hopes to leverage Canadian production advantages such as lower production costs, reciprocal national co-production arrangements between Canada and other nations, and subsidies to boost Alliance's programing output, he says.

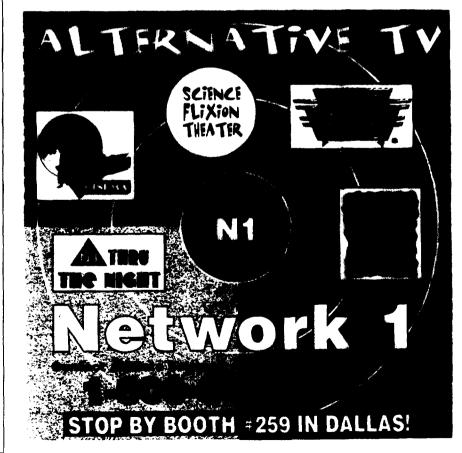
Alliance already produces Due South for CBS, the first prime time show on a U.S. network produced by a Canadian studio, and kids show Reboot for ABC.

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3. Okla. City Day of Mourning Coverage	CNN	Sun 4:3	30p 4,825	7.5	5.1
4. Oklahoma City Bombing Coverage	CNN	Fri 4:3	30p 4,582	7.1	4.8
5. Oklahoma City Bombing Coverage	CNN	Fri 5:3	30p 4,523	7.0	4.7
6. Oklahoma City Bombing Coverage	CNN	Wed 5:3	30p 4,115	6.4	4.3
7. Oklahoma City Bombing Coverage	CNN	Fri 4:0	00p 4,084	6.3	4.3
8. Oklahoma City Bombing Coverage	CNN	Fri 3:0	00p 3,975	6.1	4.2
9. Janet Reno News Conference	CNN	Thu 4:3	30p 3,693	5.7	3.9
10. Oklahoma City Bombing Coverage	CNN	Wed 7:3	3,630 g	5.6	3.8
11. Oklahoma City Bombing Coverage	CNN	Wed 3:0	Op 3,477	5.4	3.6
12. Okla. City Day of Mourning Coverage	CNN	Sun 3:3	3,428	5.3	3.6
13. FBI News Conference	CNN	Thu 4:0	9p 3,422	5.3	3.6.
14. Oklahoma City Bombing Coverage	CNN	Wed 4:3	30p 3,407	5.3	3.6
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1. Boxing: Foreman vs. Schulz	HBO	Sat 10:0	Op 4,405	19.5	4,6
2. Movie: 'Frank & Jesse'	HBO	Sat 8:0	00p 2,533	11.2	2.7
3. Movie: 'The Chase'	HBO	Tue 8:0	Op 2,523	11.2	26
4. HBO First Look	HBO	Sat 12:4	5a 2,105	9.3	2.2
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# Accolades bestowed

Women in Cable & Telecommunications will honor two women and two companies at the association's annual Accolades breakfast during the NCTA convention.

Recipients at the May 10 ceremony are:

Torie Clark, vice president, public affairs/strategic counsel, NCTA—Woman of the Year;

**Elaine Barden**, general manager, TCI Cablevision of Alameda (Calif.)—Woman to Watch;

**Turner Original Productions'**A Century of Women, and Century Communications cable television division.

### **PEOPLE'S CHOICE: TOP CABLE SHOWS**

Program	Network	Time (ET)	HHs. (000)	Rati Cable	
1. NASCAR Winston Cup	ESPN	Sun 1:00p	3,385	5.2	3.5
2. NBA Playoffs	TBS	Fri 6:58p	2,687	4.2	2.8
3. WWF Monday Night Raw	USA	Mon 9:00p	2,515	3.9	2.6
4. Murder, She Wrote	USA	Mon 8:00p	2,300	3.6	2.4
5. Murder, She Wrote	USA	Wed 8:00p	2,245	3.5	2.4
6. Murder, She Wrote	UŞA	Tue 8:00p	2,160	3.4	2.3
7. Major League Baseball	ESPN	Tue 7:30p	2,089	3.2	2.2
8. Larry King Live	CNN	Mon 9:00p	1,971	3.0	2.1
9. Movie: 'Locked Up: A Mother's Rage	LIFE	Sun 4:00p	1,948	3.2	2.0
10. EarlyPrime	CNN	Tue 4:30p	1,947	3.0	2.0.
11. Rugrats	NICK	Tue 6:30p	1,941	3.1	2.0
12. NBA Playoffs	TBS	Fri 9:54p	1,927	3.0	2.0
13. Rugrats	NICK	Sun 10:00a	1,913	3.1	2.0
14. Newsday	CNN	Mon 2:00p	1,908	2.9	2.0
15. Rugrats	NICK	Wed 6:30p	1,872	3.0	2.0
1. Movie: 'Tyson'	HBO	Sat 8:00p	3,601	16.0	3.8
2. HBO Comedy: Rosie O'Donnell	HBO	Sat 10:00p	2,118	9.4	2.2
3. Movie: 'Fatal Attraction'	HBO	Sun 8:00p	1,980	8.8	2.1
4. Movie: 'Frank & Jesse'	HBO	Tue 8:00p	1,647	7.3	1.7
5. Movie: 'Red Scorpion 2'	HBO	Thu 9:00p	1,631	7.2	1.7

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Leisure Concepts Inc. has cleared its new weekly syndicated liveaction martial arts competition series WMAC Masters in 93 markets representing 80% of the country for a Sept. 16 launch. The show, formerly titled Quest for the Dragon Star, features martial artists from different disciplines who compete for the Dragon Star award.

#### 'Paradise' lost

According to a source, MGM TV has passed on Paradise Lost, an earlier reported (BROADCASTING & CABLE, Feb. 20) reality series being developed for syndication by reality genre veteran Dave Bell.

#### **Gingrich addresses** Promax

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich will deliver a special address at the annual Promax International & BDA Conference and Exposition in Washington, D.C. Gingrich will

speak on Wednesday, June 7, at 2:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, immediately following the Keynote Address at 2 by former Walt Disney Television and Telecommunications chairman Richard Frank.

#### Springer fever

WNBC-TV New York took the highly unusual step of replacing last Monday's 4 p.m. edition of Multimedia's Donahue with an episode of the syndicator's Jerry Springer, which usually airs at 11 a.m. However, a source at WNBC-TV says there are no plans to move Springer into Donahue's slot. adding that the move was prompted by a network V-E Day special that would have pre-empted Springer and by a desire to see how that show would perform in a later daypart.

The show earned a 4.7 Nielsen rating and a 12 share, slightly better than Donahue's recent average

in the slot, says the source. Others say many markets may see such switches, given Donahue's ratings decline and Springer's continuing gains. Petry rep firm Director of Programing Dick Kurlander expects Donahue's 47 early fringe clearances this season to be nearly halved to 27 markets in the fall, while Springer's 31 1994-95 early fringe clearances for fall could double.

#### **GGP signs Olympians**

Syndicator GGP has signed former Olympians Paul Sunderland, Summer Sanders and Steve Timmons to host its nationally syndicated volleyball specials. Sunderland and Timmons are former members of the Gold Medal-winning U.S. Olympic Volleyball Team. Sanders was a 1992 Olympic Gold medalist in swimming. GGP has cleared the two AVP Pro Beach Volle all one-hour specials in 85% of country.

#### **PEOPLE'S CHOICE: TOP CABLE SHOWS**

Program	Network	Time (ET)	HHs. (000)	Rati Cable	
1. NBA Playoffs	TNT	Thu 9:30p	3,606	5.6	3.8
2. NBA Playoffs	TNT	Tue 7:58p	2,914	4.6	3.1
3. NBA Playoffs	TNT	Mon 7:58p	2,883	4.5	3.0
4. NASCAR Winston Cup	ESPN	Sun 4:08p	2,560	3.9	2.7
5. NBA Playoffs	TNT	Fri 9:45p	2,407	3.8	2.5
6. NBA Playoffs	TNT	Wed 9:40p	2,324	3.6	2.4
7. NBA Playoffs	TNT	Mon 10:56p	2,170	3.4	2.3
8. Rugrats	NICK	Sun 10:00a	2,164	3.4	2.3
9. Rugrats	NICK	Thu 6:30p	2,160	3.4	2.3
10. Rocko's Modern Life	NICK	Sun 10:30a	2,139	3.4	2.2
11. NBA Playoffs	TNT	Fri 6:58p	2,097	3.3	2.2
12. Movie: 'Raiders of the Lost Ark'	TBS	Sun 10:35a	2,015	3.1	2.1
13. Doug	NICK	Thu 7:00p	2,001	3.2	2.1
14. Murder, She Wrote	USA	Thu 8:00p	1,983	3.1	2.1·
15. WWF Monday Night Raw	USA	Mon 9:00p	1,979	3.1	2.1
1. Movie: 'Speed'	НВО	Sat 8:00p	4,248	18.3	4.5
2. Movie: 'True Romance'	HBO	Sat 10:00p	2,369	10.2	2.5
3. Movie: 'Tyson'	HBO	Tue 8:00p	1,931	8.3	2.0
4. Movie: 'Tyson'	HBO	Sun 11:15p	1,732	7.5	1.8
5. Movie: 'Fatal Attraction'	HBO	Sat 12:00m	1,660	7.2	1.73

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# Programing

# **CBS** weighs in; big battles loom

CBS picks up ABC-produced series; slots first Canadian-produced series for prime time

By Steve Coe

BS's announcement of its fall schedule last Tuesday left Fox as the only network still holding its new season cards. The unveiling of CBS's lineup reveals there will be some heated battles between the big three networks next season.

Peter Tortorici, president, CBS Entertainment, said the network, which has long been known for its strength in smaller markets and among older viewers, set the schedule keeping urban markets in mind. As evidence of that strategy, he noted that the three new dramas are set in urban areas. Tortorici also said the network went into the process with specific development for Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

CBS added seven new series, three comedies and four dramas, leaving only Sunday and Tuesday nights untouched. The biggest matchup involving CBS likely will be the head-to-head competition between CBS's new medical drama Chicago Hope and NBC's E.R. on Thursday night at 10 p.m. Both new series are set in Chicago hospitals and are from bigname producers; Picket Fences' David E. Kelley is the creator of the CBS show and Michael Crichton, who wrote "Jurassic Park," is the executive producer of E.R.

The situation is similar to the battle that was waged this past season on Sunday nights by NBC's seaQuest DSV and ABC's Lois & Clark. Tortorici said the expected press coverage of the matchup will benefit both shows in terms of sampling. He denied that CBS's scheduling of the drama was in response to NBC's slotting of its hospital series. "We had a gaping hole to fill on Thursday night. Everyone knew we were doing this show and that it was a medical show," he said.

Tortorici also said the network does not have a general policy of short-ordering new series but looks at series on a case-by-case basis. Last season the network angered many suppliers in the creative community by ordering only six or eight episodes of most of its new series. Apparently in an attempt to mollify producers, Tortorici said the practice will not be a blanket policy.

Two of the three new sitcoms, *The Boys Are Back* (Monday, 8 p.m.) and *Daddy's Girls* (Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.), were given full 13-episode

#### How the '94-'95 season is shaping up-

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## **MBC** makes **Mexican TV alliance**

Network to supply Television Azteca with programs, has option to invest in company

By Steve McClellan

BC has entered a major strategic alliance with Mexico's Television Azteca, a privately held company that owns two general interest broadcast channels reaching 90% of the country's population.

The agreement calls for NBC to supply Azteca with an array of services and programs, including programs from NBC, CNBC and the network's Latin American cable news channel, Canal de Noticias NBC. The network also will provide on-air promotion, technology and computer services support and will help Azteca devise advertising sales and general management strategies.

As part of the agreement, NBC also has the right to acquire 10%-20% of the Mexico City-based company within the next three years. Television Azteca was a state-run operation that was acquired last year by the Elektra Group, a family-run distributor of electronic appliances.

Elektra paid approximately \$640 million for the channels in July 1993 and estimates they are now worth between \$800 million and \$1 billion. Spearheading the project for NBC will be Roger Ogden, president and general manager of NBC-owned KCNC-TV Denver. He will report to Tom Rogers, an executive vice president of NBC responsible for the network's growing cable interests and new business development, who announced the deal at the World Advertising Congress in Cancun, Mexico, last week.

The NBC-Azteca link is the first major media alliance in the wake of the North American Free Trade Agreement. That agreement is expected to stimulate growth in the manufacture and distribution of goods. "And what follows is the advertising to support it," Rogers says, explaining

## Top cable shows and nets

Militaring are the top 15 basic cable programs (May 9-15), ranked by households tuning in:

The cable network railings are percentages of the total households each network reaches.

This U.S. ratings are percentages of the 94.2 million households with TV sets. Source:

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2.	NBA: Phoenix vs. Houston	TNT	Wed	9:51p	2,396	4.0	2.5
3.	NASCAR: Save Mart 300	ESPN	Sun	4:00p	2,296	3.7	2.4
4.	NBA: Chicago vs. New York	TNT	Wed	7:00p	2,124	3.5	2.3
5.	NBA: Houston vs. Phoenix	TNT	Fri	11:03p	2,072	3.4	2.2
6.	Murder, She Wrote	USA	Thu	8:00p	1,830	3.07	1.54
7.	Murder, She Wrote	USA	Mon	8:00p	1,820	2.9	1.8
8.	NBA: Indiana vs. Atlanta	TNT	Tue	8:00p	1,816	3.0	1.9
9.	NBA: Indiana vs. Atlanta	TNT	Thu	8:00p	1,800	3.0	1.9
10.	Movie: "Friday the 13th, Part 8"	USA	Sun	3:00p	1,652	2.7	1.8
11.	NBA: Denver vs. Utah	TNT	Thu	10:41p	1,634	2.7	1.7~
12.	Atlanta Braves Baseball	TBS	Tue	7:35p	1,610	38	1.7
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# Fall 1995: the big picture

Forty new shows get their shot at network big time; CBS moves 'Murder, She Wrote'

By Steve McClellan

he six broadcast TV networks will launch 29 new comedies and 11 new dramas (a total of 25 1/2 new hours) to kick off the 1995-96 television season this fall.

CBS revamped every night of its

week in an effort to resuscitate its prime time lineup with eight hours of new programing including six comedies and five hour-long shows.

In an effort to keep up its momentum, Fox will replace five hours of its lineup with six new comedies and

two new dramas.

The WB network will add a second night in the fall (Sunday) with family comedies and a cartoon from Steven Spielberg.

As reported a week ago, ABC will add five comedies and three dramas,

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Some of the shows may be launched in the U.S. as weeklies and stripped at a later point when more episodes are available, says Leavitt.

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ered for U.S. runs are Taking the Falls, a one-hour detective series entering its first season on the Canadian CTV Television Network; North of 60, a one-hour drama entering its fourth season this fall on the Canadian Broadcasting Corp.; Rugged Gold,

a two-hour telemovie starring Jill Eikenberry (L.A. Law); Due South, the CBS drama that will not return on the network's fall schedules, and The Odyssey, a kids half-hour project to which Alliance has international rights.

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share of cable systems considered vulnerable to competition.

Although the DSS subscriber base is only a fraction of the estimated 65 million cable homes, several industry observers say that DSS represents the first real threat to cable since it started more than 20 years ago. "It's the first time cable has actually had competition," says Paul Maxwell, president, Media Business Corp, a market research firm.

C-band satellite makers also may view DSS as their newest competition. C-band operator General Instrument Corp. has launched a \$15 million ad campaign as a counterattack to DSS, which has signed nearly 1 million subscribers since its 1994 launch. In response, General Instrument last March rolled out its Full View TV subscriber ad campaign to make C-band more consumer friendly.

The 26-week campaign of print ads and TV and radio spots in 25 regional markets promotes Full View TV as a 350-channel satellite service. The ads provide an 800 number so customers can locate one of 3,500 authorized C-band dealers that will let them either purchase C-band for approximately \$2,000 or lease the 7 1/2-foot C-band dish for \$55 a month.

Allen McCabe, GI's vice president, consumer products, says the campaign's goal is to develop C-band as a recognizable brand name. "I don't think very many people know what in the world C-band is." The ads also will attempt to draw away consumers whose appetite has been whetted by DSS. "With the arrival of DBS and Primestar [another DSS operator]," says McCabe, "there's a

ge focus now on the whole categoof satellite, and we want a piece of t pie."

McCabe says the ads still are ned at C-band's original target trket of the nation's estimated 8 llion-9 million non-cable homes ther than cable households: "The tent was not to compare ourselves with] cable; it was to compare ourlves [with] other satellite systems ailable."

DBS operators, meanwhile, will convince an estimated 1 million cable subscribers to switch to DSS this year, according to Stephen K.

Liebmann, president, S. Liebmann & Associates, a marketing research group. He says 45% of the DSS subscribers that signed on in 1994—approximately 88,000—came from cable franchise areas with 25% cable penetration.

Liebmann says that for DSS to reach its baseline goal of 15 million-20 million subscribers by 2000, it will have to draw from or share some of cable's 65 million subscribers.

"If DSS is really going to be a big player, they have to penetrate the cable business," Liebmann says. DSS is "not going to get 15 million-20 million unless they get cable subscribers. DSS may share them, they may steal them, whatever. But without one or the other, there isn't going to be an awful lot of this [DSS] business."

Liebmann says DSS will do best picking up cable subscribers when it competes against vulnerable cable systems that provide sub-par programing or service. Such operators, he says, stand to lose more than 10% of their subscribers to Primestar and DBS in 1995-96. "If you're a vulner-

able cable system, you can count losing much more than 5%."

Eddie Hartenstein, presiden DIRECTV, a programer for DSS sy tem Direct Broadcast Satellie (DBS), downplays the idea of DSS zeroing in on just cable subscriber "Over 60% of our existing subscribers are former cable subscribers. I don't know how we would target just the non-cable people. That's been one of the myths of DSS Our target has been all households since day one."

Stanley E. Hubbard, president of USSB, another DBS programing provider, says DSS operators may even be content with single-digit subscriber penetration: "We don't have to beat anyone; DBS can be successful without drawing away others' business."

A sign that one cable carrier is taking DSS seriously: Liberty Media's parent, Tele-Communications Inc., is running a trio of TV commercials that depict DSS as too complicated for consumers to install, offering the same programing as cable and becoming technically obsolete in two to three years.

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1. WWF Monday Night Raw	USA	Mon: 9:00p	2,551	3.9 2.7
2. Silk Stalkings	USA	Sun 10:00p	2,511	3.9 2.6
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5. Murder, She Wrote	USA	Tue 8:00	2,153	3.3 2.3
6. Rugrats	NICK	Sun 10:00p	2,116	3.3 2.2
7. Murder, She Wrote	USA	Wed 8:00p	2,084	3.2 2.2
8. Movie: 'Tecumseh'	TNT	Sun 8:00p	2,077	3.2 2.2
9. Silk Stalkings	USA	Sun 11:00p	2,080	3.2 2.2
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14. The Ren & Stimpy Show	NICK	Sat 9:00p	1,794	2.8 1.9
15. Murder, She Wrote	USA	Mon 8:00	1.764	28 1.9
1. Movie: 'Maverick'	HBO	Sat 8:00p	3,696	15.8 3.9
2. Movie: 'Serial Mom'	HBO	Sun 8:00p	2,339	10.0 2.5
3. Movie: 'Sugar Hill'	HBO	Sat 10:15p	1,945	8.3 2.0
4. Movie: 'With Honors'	HBO	Tue 8:00p	1,918	8.2 2.0
5. Movie: 'With Honors'	HBO	Sun 10:00p	1,837	7.9 1.9

breaking news stories.

Tomlin also says the program will stop paying sources for stories—at least as a general rule. "But if we do [pay], we'll say it on the air," he vows. Also out of the picture will be

re-enactments, which the producer says add nothing to stories.

Last week's news was received favorably by program analysts. "It's a positive move, and I hope it works," says Lou Dennig, vice president and

director of programing at Blair Tele vision. "The wonderful thing about magazines and soap operas is you can change the cast and the story, telling and keep the value of the brand and the name."

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[now] is very small stuff that's being traded... I think it's just a normal hiatus at this point," McAlpine says.

The slowdown also may be due to telephone companies being distracted by the cable business, McAlpine says. "With Bell Atlantic requesting relief from [the FCC's] video dialtone [regulations] and PacTel looking to get into the wireless business, the recent demand for cable proprieties by telephone companies has been on the wane."

"Most of deals that we've seen to date have really been contiguous deals," Dixon says, with cable systems buying neighboring cable systems. But, he says, "There's not a lot of those left right now; the easy ones are done."

Not all cable experts agree that there has been a cable-buying drought. Jessica Reif, media analyst, Merrill Lynch, points to several pending cable deals, including Time Warner's. "I don't sense that there is a major slowdown. There seems to be no absence of future business for multimedia," Reif says, referring to other media or telecommunications businesses.

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5. Movie: 'Blood Sport'	TBS	Thu 10:05p	2,072	3.2 2.2
6. Rugrats	NICK	Mon 6:30p	2,038	3.2 2.1
7. Rugrats	NICK	Sun 10:00a	1,981	3.1 2.1
8. Silk Stalkings	USA	Sun 11:00p	1,948	3.0 2.0
9. TNN/Music City News Awards	TNN	Mon 8:00p	1,934	3.1 2.0
10. Murder, She Wrote	USA	Tue 8:00p	1,927	3.0 2.0
11. Doug	NICK	Wed 7:00p	1,876	3.0 2.0
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14. Movie: 'Firestarter'	USA	Sun 3:00p	1,744	2.7 1.8
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2. Movie: 'Maverick'	HBO	Tue 8:00p	2.461	10.5 2.6
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Wheel of Fortune was down slightly in access but remains the highest-rated first-run strip, with a 14.1/30. The show was down 10% among women 18-34, to 4.5, and

down 4% among women 25-54, to a 6.8.

Among sitcoms in access, *The Simpsons* remained on top with an average household 6.4/10. The show posted a 33% gain in women 18-34,

to a 5.7, and an 83% gain among men 18-34, to a 6.6.

Fresh Prince was second in access among sitcoms, with a 5.9/12, posting a 45% gain among women 18-34, to a 5.8.

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weekend originals like Are You Afraid of the Dark? and Rugrats.

"We think there's a big opportunity in the summer to get a lot of sampling," Shimmel says of the Nick in the Afternoon launch. "There tend to be more kids at the set, and all of the other major kids sources tend to put their stuff in reruns."

Meanwhile, Nickelodeon continues to build its original library. The network this week is expected to announce two original series to be picked up for 1996 debuts. One will

be a live-action series for the SNICK block; the other will be chosen for an as-yet-undetermined time slot. Nick-elodeon on Sept. 11 debuts a new original animated series, Maurice Sendak's *Little Bear*, for the network's daytime preschool block.

# Cable gets singles-minded

Networks find a matchmaking niche on cable

By Jim McConville

aking the cue from newspapers and magazines, cable television has entered the singles scene with two cable channels launched and another promised for later this year.

Networks that have launched include The Dating Network and Single Vision. The Singles Network is proposed for a late 1995 launch.

One-year-old SingleVision, launched June 1994, is reportedly reaching 1.5 million cable homes and 4 million satellite homes. Owned by Atlanta-based Global-Comm 2000 Corp., SingleVision is talking with Triumph Communications about extending carriage of the network to Galaxy VII (Access Television Network), which has a subscriber base of 12 million on 1,300 cable systems.

Single Vision programing consists of shows and 60-second videos of singles in various leisure-time activities. One program is Singles Across America, an hour daily lifestyle travel show featuring exotic singles locales. Subscribers respond to videos by calling a 900 number, and local cable companies pocket revenue from local ads.

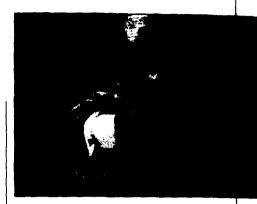
Single Vision recently set up a Home Page on the World Wide Web. It also has a proposal pending with Microsoft to be a content provider for its online service.

The Dating Network (TDN) is an online interactive cable matchmaking service started in 1992 by a Worthington, Ohio-based company of the same name. TDN consists of a listing of personal ads in either a photo classified still-screen or full-motion-video format. TDN airs in more than 115 markets, reaching approximately

10 million subscribers. Affiliation agreements with major MSOs include TCI, Comcast, Continental, Jones, Adelphia, Marcus, Century and Post-Newsweek.

TDN makes its money through a 900 number. Local cable operators get to keep all ad revenue. Ads run for a week and are then discarded. "We're the first people to do customized disposable television," says Scovill.

Another network scheduled to launch later this year is Rainbow Programming's Singles Network. Originally unveiled at the National



Cable Television Association show in May 1994, Singles Network was supposed to launch this spring.

A Rainbow spokeswoman said the network is "under development" and that the company hopes to launch the ad-supported network by year end.

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE: TOP CABLE SHOWS

Program	Network	Time (ET)	HHs. (000)	Rating Cable U.S.
1. WWF Monday Night Raw	USA	Mon 9:00p	2,533	39 27
2. Silk Stalkings	USA	Sun 11:00p	2,293	3.5 2.4
3. 1995 MTV Movie Awards	MTV	Thu 9:00p	2,261	37 24
4. Rugrats	NICK	Tue 6:30p	2,106	3.3 2.2
5. The Ren & Stimpy Show	NICK	Sun 11:00p	2,078	33 22
6. Rugrats	NICK	Mon 6:30p	1,998	3.2 2.1
7. Major League Baseball	ESPN	Sun 7:56p	1,984	30 21
8. Movie: 'Three Men and a Baby'	USA		1,961	3.0 2.1
9. Rockos Modern Life	NICK	Sun 11:30	1,927	30 2.0
10. Aaahh!!! Real Monsters	NICK	Sun 10:30a	1,911	3.0 2.0
11. Movie: 'When The Dark Man Calls'	USA	Wed 8:00p	1,808	. 20 20
12. O.J. Trial	CNN	Thu 6:00p	1,887	2.9 2.0
13. Rugrats	NICK	Thu 6:30p	1,875	5 3.0° 2.0
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15. Rugrats	NICK	Sun 10:00	1,836	25 19
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3. Batman Forever: Behind th Scenes	HBO :	Sat 9:45p	2,495	107 16
4. Movie: 'The Gateway'	HBO	Sat 11:33p	2,390	10.2 2.5
5. Movie: 'Wyatt Earp'	HBO '	Tue 8:00p	1,952	83 20

## **Programers oppose content control**

USSB-sponsored panel points to industry solutions

By Jim McConville

V program providers and viewers, not government officials, should be the ultimate arbiters of what's on TV, say industry executives.

In a panel on "TV, Technology, and the Family Today," sponsored by direct broadcast satellite (DBS) programer USSB, executives last week offered solutions—other than government intervention—to managing TV program content in the home.

Mary Pat Ryan, senior vice president of USSB, said a survey of roughly 1,000 DBS subscribers showed that 70% want some form of control over what their children watch. Ryan pointed to USSB's lockout feature as an alternative to government regulation. The feature allows users to lock out movies based on their MPAA rating.

Geraldine Laybourne, president of Nickelodeon, described the V-chip, which would allow TV sets to be programed to restrict content, as a "negative device." In contrast, she called USSB's control device a positive step, "leaving it up to parents to decide what their kids watch."

aybourne did say that the recent ntion on media violence has been ful, placing the issue back in the lic eye. A Nickelodeon online surfound that 87% endorse a rating em for TV violence, while 58% of same group blame parents for chiln's overexposure to violence.

elevision program producers might rove programing content by knowtheir audience better, said Layrne: "Network TV program proers are out of touch with what kind programing American families want."

For TV ad buyers, knowing where their company stands on such ethical issues might help them choose the right place for their ads. "I doubt [the] leaders of corporate America ever spend 10 minutes to explain their values to their young media buyers," Laybourne said.

Jane Tollinger, executive vice president, Lifetime Television, said programers should set their own guidelines. Lifetime screens its programing for gratuitous violence against women.

#### HBO, SPE sign movie deal

HBO has signed a long-term deal with Sony Pictures Entertainment that extends the network's rights to Columbia Pictures titles by six years and wrestles away rights to TriStar Pictures titles from rival Showtime. The deal gives HBO exclusive pay TV rights to future Columbia movies theatrically released through the year 2004 and exclusive rights to TriStar titles from 1998 to 2004. HBO is expected to shell out more than \$1 billion to Sony during the 11-year contract. Existing HBO studio deals include Warner Bros., 20th Century Fox, Savoy and DreamWorks. Showtime—which has deals with MGM/UA, Castle Rock, Gramercy, Sony Classics and an expiring agreement with Walt Disney Co.—is expected to secure titles from co-owned company Paramount Pictures when the studio's current deal with HBO expires in 1999.

#### Playboy launches AdultVision TV

Playboy Entertainment launched its adult pay-per-view channel, AdultVision TV, last week on Time Warner's New York City Cable System, with approximately 1.2 million addressable homes. AdultVision TV reportedly will feature "harder-edged" films than does Playboy's current PPV channel and will be aimed at the same viewer market as the adult PPV service Spice. The channel, which will offer 90-minute movies around the clock, also will be available to satellite broadcasting and hotel markets. AdultVision TV will telecast a minimum 50 movies monthly from the libraries of adult film distributors Vivid Distribution and CED. Each movie will carry a \$4.95-\$5.95 price tag.

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1. Movie: 'Problem Child II'	USA	Sun 3:00p	3,018	4.7	3.2
2. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Wed 4:30p	2,389	3.6	2.5
3. Rugrats	NICK	Wed 6:30p	2,303	3.6	2.4.
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5. Rugrats	NICK	Sun 10:00a	2,186	3.5	2.3
6. Rugrats	NICK	Thu 6:30p	2,174	3.4	2.3
7. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Wed 3:00p	2,132	3.2	2.2
8. Doug	NICK	Wed 7:00p	2,123	3.4	2.2
9. O.J. Simpson Trial Coverage	CNN	Wed 2:00p	2,120	3.2	2.2
10. Movie: 'Problem Child'	USA	Sun 1:00p	2,070	3.2	2.2
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12. WWF Monday Night Raw	USA	Mon 9:00p	2,038	3.1	2.1
13. Movie: 'Problem Child'	USA	Wed 9:00p	2,026	3.1	2.1
14. Rugrats	NICK	Mon 6:30p	2,022	3.2	2.1
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1. Movie: 'Beverly Hills Cop III'	HBO	Sun 10:30p	2,900	12.4	3.0
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3. Movie: 'The Infiltrator'	HBO	Sat 8:00p	2,269	9.7	2.4
4. Movie: 'The Getaway'	HBO	Sun 8:00p	2,114	9.0	2.2
5. Movie: 'An Officer and a Gentleman'	HBO	Sat 11:00p	2,102	9.0	2.2

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they do."

Incidents to be depicted in the series include drug sting operations, cars driving into the water, river accidents,

beach shootings and people struck by lightning. It will air on most PSN stations between 5 and 8 p.m.—and late night in a few markets, Lambert says. PSN station groups include LIN Broadcasting Corp., Malrite Communications Group Inc., Pappas Telecast-

ing Cos., Providence Journal Broadcasting and River City Broadcasting. Those stations together cover 24% of the country.

Lambert says he is in discussions with several station groups to begin airing the show in January.

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entertainment efforts, especially after last year's merger with Viacom Inc. and Blockbuster Entertainment Corp. One stab at synergy has been a special closed-circuit episode highlighting home video releases that, since February, has played in nearly 3,000 Block-

buster stores 24 hours per day and is updated monthly.

If there is a single danger for ET, observers say, it is that it has done its job too well. Networks, local stations, rival syndicators, cable networks and others have seen that entertainment

news is big business and have cast their nets accordingly.

But catching ET will be no easy task, admit even competitors. "They are so in touch with what their viewers want," says E!'s Shea. "They stay right on target."

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Vice President Betsy Frank replied, "it's probably somewhere in between."

Frank said she has two major concerns with the Nielsen out-of-home study, including the diary-based methodology used to derive an index comparing out-of-home with in-home

viewing. "Anytime you mix methodologies like that, there is a concern," she said. She also questioned the quality of at least some of the out-of-home "bonus viewing."

"I have much more confidence in the attentiveness of in-home viewers," she

said. It's no secret, she notes, that in many bars and restaurants, a TV set is on with the sound muted.

Nevertheless, says Montesano, the results are valuable because they shed further light on whom advertisers are reaching outside the home.

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